COUNTY PROFILE

Pope Co.

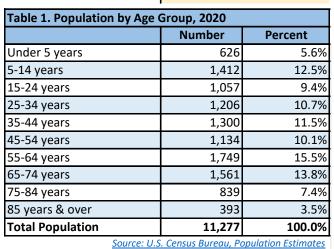
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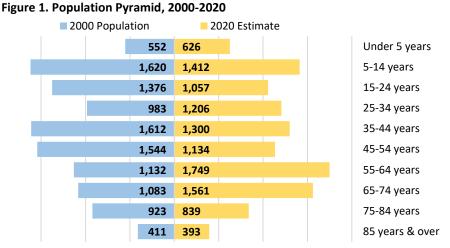
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Pope Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 29th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 63rd largest in the state. Pope Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	11,277 people
Population change,	282 people
2010-2020	2.6% increase







Pope Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Pope Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019									
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019						
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents	Net Migration				
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic		
Pope Co.	256	-7	1,150	1,157	269	28	241		
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Figure 2. Place of Birth for

Compared to the state, Pope Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Pope Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Pope	e Co.	Change 2	010-2019	Minnesota		
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	129	1.2%	65	101.6%	8.5%	28.9%	
Europe	25	19.4%	8	47.1%	9.9%	4.5%	
Asia	63	48.8%	43	215.0%	37.5%	30.3%	
Africa	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	25.5%	72.0%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%	0.5%	37.2%	
Americas:	41	31.8%	16	64.0%	26.6%	10.0%	
Latin America	36	27.9%	16	80.0%	24.1%	12.2%	
Northern America	5	3.9%	0	0.0%	2.5%	-7.7%	

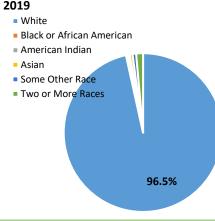
the Foreign Born Population,
2019

0%

Europe
Asia
Africa
Oceania
Latin America
Northern America

Pope Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019



		Pope Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	11,048	100.0%	-1.7%	100.0%	13.1%
White	10,666	96.5%	-4.0%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	46	0.4%	100.0%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	37	0.3%	85.0%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	63	0.6%	530.0%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	82	0.7%	310.0%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	154	1.4%	175.0%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	173	1.6%	203.5%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

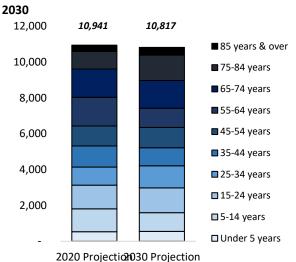
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Pope Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

able 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030							
	2020	2030	Numeric	Percent			
Pope Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	531	554	23	4.3%			
5-14 years	1,277	1,039	-238	-18.6%			
15-24 years	1,326	1,384	58	4.4%			
25-34 years	1,002	1,230	228	22.8%			
35-44 years	1,185	1,009	-176	-14.9%			
45-54 years	1,112	1,135	23	2.1%			
55-64 years	1,596	1,069	-527	-33.0%			
65-74 years	1,583	1,546	-37	-2.3%			
75-84 years	981	1,421	440	44.9%			
85 years & over	348	430	82	23.6%			
Total Population	10,941	10,817	-124	-1.1%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2020-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

62.8%

67.1%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Pope Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Pope Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

93.0%

state:

- 15% % 7% 30% 30% 23%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

☐ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

■ Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

■ Advanced degree

Associate's Degree: 17.5%
Bachelor's Degree: 15.4%

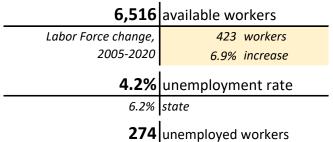
Bachelor's Degree: 15.4% Advanced Degree: 6.5%

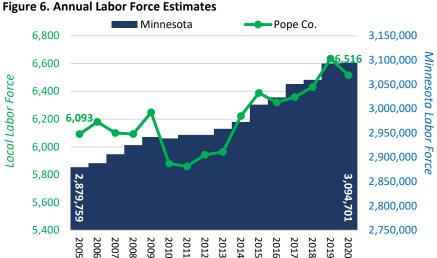
College-educated:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.2%, Pope Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Pope Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.1% in 2019, and was lower than the 7.1% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Pope Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

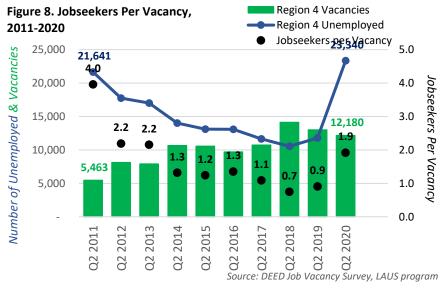
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers from 1990 to 2000, Pope Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Pope Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020 500 Average of 94 Average of 0 Average of 64 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 400 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year 300 200 100 0 -100 -200 -300 -400 -500 2011-2014 2011-2010 A 2010-2010 D LO CO 2009-2010 D LO CO 2008-200 Surce 2018-201*S*S) 2013-201 1990-1991 1992-1993 1993-199 2000-2001 2001-2002 2005-2006 2014-201 2015-201 1991-1992 1994-1995 1999-2000 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2006-2007 2007-2008 2016-201 2019-2020 1995-1996 1996-1997 1997-1998 1998-1999

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2020-2030	2020	2030			
16 to 24 years	970	1,032			
25 to 54 years	2,978	3,045			
55 to 64 years	1,119	749			
65 years & over	551	579			
Total Labor Force	5,618	5,406			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, with typically less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020, and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, even by the fourth quarter of 2020, job vacancies recovered quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Pope Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Pope Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

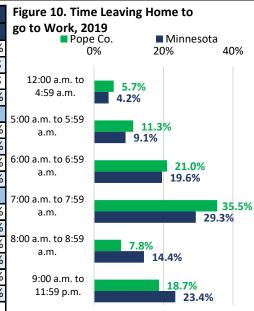
Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2	2019						
		Pope Co.		Minne	esota	Pope Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	5,793	64.5%	2.3%	69.7%	3.6%	3,148	2,645
16 to 19 years	297	67.0%	8.8%	53.2%	11.0%	170	127
20 to 24 years	453	92.6%	1.1%	84.6%	6.0%	241	212
25 to 44 years	2,179	90.5%	2.9%	88.8%	3.2%	1,171	1,008
45 to 54 years	1,123	89.8%	2.0%	87.6%	2.7%	586	537
55 to 64 years	1,243	70.1%	0.3%	73.0%	2.8%	702	541
65 to 74 years	410	28.6%	2.7%	27.9%	2.2%	220	190
75 years & over	88	7.4%	2.3%	6.6%	2.4%	58	30
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by
White alone	5,601	64.2%	2.2%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019)
Black or African American	24	75.0%	33.3%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	17	50.0%	5.9%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	57	98.3%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		\ <mark>\</mark> \
Some Other Race	48	80.0%	0.0%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	45	61.6%	2.2%	73.6%	7.4%		The state of the s
Hispanic or Latino	78	66.1%	1.3%	76.5%	6.1%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabil	ity						
With Any Disability	315	53.7%	4.1%	53.0%	8.6%		96.7%
Employment Characteristics by Educat	ional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	4,546	83.7%	1.9%	84.5%	3.0%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	165	59.6%	4.8%	66.3%	4.2%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,081	78.5%	0.2%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,124	86.4%	1.2%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,177	89.2%	0.8%	90.0%	1.7%	Some O	ther Race

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Two or More Races

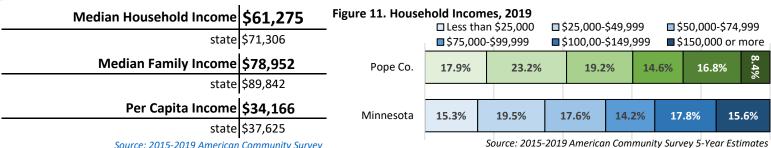
A smaller percentage of workers in Pope Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Pope Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Pope (Co.	Minn	esota	Figure
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to V
Worked in state of residence	5,541	99.2%	2,837,697	97.6%	
Worked in county of residence	3,463	62.0%	1,846,247	63.5%	
Worked out of county of residence	2,084	37.3%	991,449	34.1%	12:00
Worked outside state of residence	45	0.8%	69,779	2.4%	4:5
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5:00 a.m
Car, truck, or van	4,983	89.2%	2,506,244	86.2%	a.r
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	6	0.1%	101,762	3.5%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	263	4.7%	125,021	4.3%	
Worked at home	335	6.0%	171,541	5.9%	a.r
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m
Less than 10 minutes	1,687	30.2%	456,474	15.7%	a.r
10 to 19 minutes	1,570	28.1%	872,243	30.0%	
20 to 29 minutes	1,095	19.6%	645,460	22.2%	8:00 a.m a.r
30 to 44 minutes	827	14.8%	575,680	19.8%	a.ı
45 to 59 minutes	207	3.7%	194,801	6.7%	9:00
60 or more minutes	207	3.7%	162,819	5.6%	11:
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.5	minutes	23.7		



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Pope Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pope Co. had the 37th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Pope Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.58 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.92 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020										
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts			
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes	
	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	roou	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes	
Pope Co.	\$28,250	\$13.58	\$0	\$352	\$163	\$566	\$708	\$252	\$313	
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378	
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs							
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes	
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Child Care	are Food Care		Housing	portation		raxes	
Pope Co.	\$46,554	\$14.92	\$214	\$805	\$519	\$760	\$823	\$428	\$331	
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592	

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pope Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 32nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Pope Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Pope (Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	3,862	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	212	5.5%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	614	15.9%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	708	18.3%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	652	16.9%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	793	20.5%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	633	16.4%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	250	6.5%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$174,3	\$223,900	

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

20% 30% 0% 10% Pope Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 4.8% 14.8% 2000 to 2009 14.1% 1980 to 1999 26.3% 23.2% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 14.2% 1940 to 1959 14.3% 24.5% 1939 or earlier 16.2%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$609

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 4<u>5.1</u>%

mortgage 15.9% rent 25.9% 42.6% 49.9% 14.3%6.7% 18.2% Less than 20% 20% to 24.9% 25.0% to 29.9% 30.0% to 34.9% ■ 35% or more

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.61 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$43.45) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.39) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2021								
	Region 4				Stat	State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$19.61	78,570	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%	
Management	\$43.45	3,510	4.5%	0.7	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$28.37	2,680	3.4%	0.5	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$33.50	1,030	1.3%	0.4	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$31.73	1,450	1.8%	0.9	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.39	530	0.7%	0.7	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$22.66	2,360	3.0%	1.5	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%	
Legal	\$34.57	330	0.4%	0.6	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$25.13	6,060	7.7%	1.3	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$16.30	1,240	1.6%	1.2	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$29.68	4,800	6.1%	0.9	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%	
Healthcare Support	\$14.88	4,850	6.2%	1.1	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%	
Protective Service	\$24.92	1,200	1.5%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.39	5,920	7.5%	1.0	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.70	2,250	2.9%	1.0	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$13.33	1,390	1.8%	0.9	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%	
Sales & Related	\$14.94	8,500	10.8%	1.2	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.14	9,270	11.8%	0.9	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$17.37	280	0.4%	2.3	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%	
Construction & Extraction	\$22.76	4,400	5.6%	1.5	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.88	3,570	4.5%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%	
Production	\$19.58	6,930	8.8%	1.2	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.26	6,040	7.7%	1.0	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%	

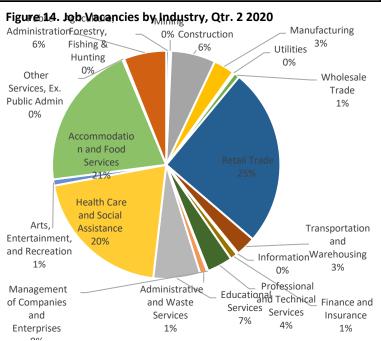
Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2020

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pope Co. is a part of Region 4, which includes Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin County. There were 12180 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2020, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).							
Table 12. Region 4 Job Vacancy Survey Res	ults, Qtr. 2 2020						
	Number of						
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer					
Total, All Occupations	12,180						
Management	209	\$24.17					
Business & Financial Operations	280	\$21.11					
Computer & Mathematical	160	\$30.26					
Architecture & Engineering	166	\$22.46					
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	96	\$22.86					
Community & Social Service	195						
Education, Training & Library	551						
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,015						
Healthcare Support	1,290	\$14.32					
Protective Service	126						
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,367	\$11.20					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,374	\$15.70					
Personal Care & Service	284	\$12.55					
Sales & Related	1,439	\$13.11					
Office & Administrative Support	785	•					
Construction & Extraction	687	\$16.69					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	398						
Production	393	•					
Transportation & Material Moving	1,158	\$13.03					



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Occupations in Demand, 2020							
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher				
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Nursing Assistants I Registered Nurses I '		Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education				
\$29,059	\$33,192	\$70,869	\$55,653				
Home Health and Personal	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Veterinary Technologists and	Secondary School Teachers, Except				
Care Aides \$27,537	Nurses \$44,853	Technicians \$35,815	Special and Career/Technical \$57,557				
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand		Surgical Technologists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term				
\$33,677	\$43,383	\$50,177	\$36,299				
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	Computer User Support Specialists	Computer Network Support Specialists	Accountants and Auditors				
\$31,147	\$48,506	\$60,416	\$59,318				
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Dental Assistants	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and	Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary				
\$45,816	\$44,363	\$50,325	\$101,280				
Pharmacy Technicians	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool	Agricultural and Food Science	General Internal Medicine				
\$35,018	Programmers \$62,623	Technicians \$38,083	Physicians NA				
Interviewers, Except	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Civil Engineering Technologists	Market Research Analysts and				
Eligibility and Loan \$32,542	Paramedics \$35,744	and Technicians \$63,159	Marketing Specialists \$53,033				
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	Forest and Conservation Technicians	Nurse Practitioners				
\$30,581	\$59,788	\$49,367	\$117,222				
Miscellaneous Assemblers	Health Information Technologists, Medical	Web Developers and Digital	Career/Technical Education				
and Fabricators \$38,150	Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$56,465	Interface Designers \$65,205	Teachers, Secondary School \$57,777				
Operating Engineers and Other Construction	Electricians	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Rehabilitation Counselors				
\$50,500	\$57,871	\$46,625	\$34,434				

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Pope Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 4.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028					
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change		
Total, All Industries	263,134	271,445	3.2%		
Natural Resources & Mining	5,833	6,003	2.9%		
Utilities	1,185	1,155	-2.5%		
Construction	10,281	11,330	10.2%		
Manufacturing	29,207	29,064	-0.5%		
Wholesale Trade	12,153	12,545	3.2%		
Retail Trade	28,148	28,190	0.1%		
Transportation & Warehousing	6,934	7,284	5.0%		
Information	2,506	2,128	-15.1%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,476	7,789	4.2%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,618	6,143	9.3%		
Administrative & Waste Services	4,369	4,978	13.9%		
Educational Services	23,141	23,679	2.3%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	38,050	42,165	10.8%		
Leisure & Hospitality	25,231	25,664	1.7%		
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	10,196	10,174	-0.2%		
Public Administration	23,300	23,980	2.9%		

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

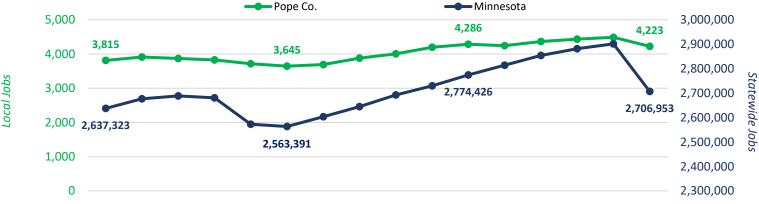
Employment Projections, 2018-2028							
■ From employment growth ■ From exit openings							
-5,0	J00	5,000 15,000					
Management	286	10.297					
Business & Financial	636	2,510					
Computer & Mathematical	282	588					
Architecture & Engineering	246	902					
Life, Physical, & Social	110	388					
Community & Social Service	517	2,998					
Legal	51	365					
Education, Training, & Library	595	6,865					
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-69	1 ,365					
Healthcare Practitioners &	1,468	4,223					
Healthcare Support	539	4,1 54					
Protective Service	134	2,000					
Food Preparation & Serving	894	15,239					
Building, Grounds Cleaning	403	5,998					
Personal Care & Service	1,240	10,537					
Sales & Related	18	8 13,932					
Office & Administrative	-940	16,166					
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	47	1 ,468					
Construction & Extraction	931	4,093					
Installation, Maintenance,	377	3,188					
Production -339 8,253							
Transportation & Material	715	7,667					
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Pope Co. had the 63rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pope Co. was the 54th fastest growing in the past year and the 27th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Pope Co. cut jobs, outpacing the state's -2.4% change.



Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

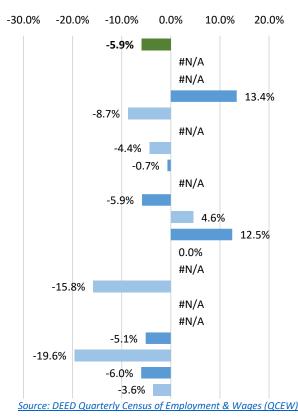


2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average	
Table 3. Pope Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual	
Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage	
Total, All Industries	4,223	100.0%	\$47,032	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Construction	169	4.0%	\$49,027	
Manufacturing	877	20.8%	\$54,296	
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Wholesale Trade	593	593 14.0%		
Retail Trade	436	436 10.3%		
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A # <i>N/A</i>		#N/A	
Information	16 0.4%		\$14,415	
Finance & Insurance	137	3.2%	\$71,856	
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	9 0.2%		\$30,458	
Professional & Technical Services	75	1.8%	\$54,560	
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	16	0.4%	\$21,927	
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A #N/A		#N/A	
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	37	0.9%	\$18,903	
Accommodation & Food Services	262	6.2%	\$13,691	
Other Services	109	2.6%	\$25,075	
Public Administration	216	5.1%	\$50,130	

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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